

O CHILDREN OF MEN! Know ye not why We created you all from the same dust? That no one should exalt himself over the other. Ponder at all times in your hearts how ye were created. Since We have created you all from one same substance it is incumbent on you to be even as one soul, to walk with the same feet, eat with the same mouth and dwell in the same land, that from your inmost being, by your deeds and actions, the signs of oneness and the essence of detachment may be made manifest. Such is My counsel to you, O concourse of light! Heed ye this counsel that ye may obtain the fruit of holiness from the tree of wondrous glory.

—Baha'u'llah

人之子啊！

你们应当知道：

我用同样的泥土塑造了你们，
以免有人贬低别人，抬高自己。
这一点要时刻牢记！

我用同样的物质创造了众生，
你们就当如同一个身躯，
用同一双脚迈步，
用同一张嘴进食，
在同一片土地上居住。

这样，
出自你们的内存本质，
透过你们的言行举止，
发扬超然的精神，

高举团结的旗帜。

光明之众啊，

铭记我的劝谕！

你们就能从神奇荣耀之树上，
摘得神圣之果实！

사람의 자손들아 !

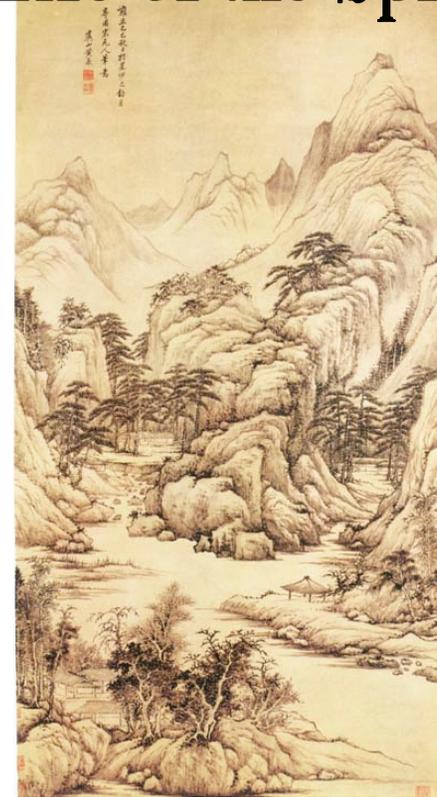
너희는 내가 너희를 모두 흙으로 창조한 까닭을 모르느냐? 이는 아무도 자신을 남의 위에 두지 못하게 함이니라. 너희가 어떻게 창조되었는지 늘 가슴 속에서 숙고하여라. 내가 너희를 모두 한 바탕으로 창조하였으니, 너희가 마땅히 하나의 영혼처럼 되며, 같은 발로 걷고, 한 입으로 먹으며, 한 땅위에 거주하여야, 단일성의 표시와 초연(超然)의 본질이 너희의 행동과 행실의 힘을 입어, 너희가 가장 깊숙한 존재로부터 밝혀질 수 있느니라. 오, 빛의 군중아, 이것이 너에게 베푸는 나의 가르침이니라. 너희가 놀라운 영광의 나무에서 신성의 열매를 얻을 수 있도록 이 가르침을 명심하여라.

おお人の子等よ！

何故(なにゆえ)われ汝らを同一の土くれより創れるかを知るや。何人も他より自らを高しとなすべきにあらざるためなり。常に汝の心のうちに、如何(いか)にして汝創られしかを熟考せよ。われ汝等總てを同一の物質より創りし故、汝らひとつの魂のごとく、同一の足をもつて歩み、同じ口で食し、また同じ国土に、住む義務がある。されば汝等の最奥(さいおく)なる本質より、汝等の行為と行動より、一元性のしるしと、世俗超脱の真髓が明白とならん。これぞわが汝への忠言である。おお光の群集よ！この忠言を心に留めよ。さらば汝等不思議なる栄光の木より聖なる果実を入手し得ん。

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*O people of the world, ye are all the fruit of one tree
and the leaves of one branch.*

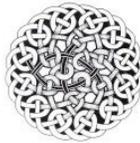
--Bahá'u'lláh

The Tabernacle of Unity has been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers....

The world is but one country and mankind its citizens....

Let not a man glory in that he loves his country; let him rather glory in this, that he loves his kind.

--Bahá'u'lláh



We Lakota have a term, *Okolakiciye*. When translated to English, it means a **league, fellowship, community**, or society, without which, unity cannot thrive. In looking at life, we realize the brevity. Life is like the breath of a buffalo in the winter time. So what does that tell us? **“Live with purpose and concern for the people. It’s brief, my friends!”**



--Phil Lane, Sr, Lakota Indian Elder

I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship
I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings.

My wisdom flows from the Highest Source.

I salute that Source in you.

Let us work together for unity and love.

--Mahatma Gandhi

The world of humanity is like unto a rose garden and the various races, tongues and people are like unto contrasting flowers.

The diversity of colors in a rose-garden adds to the charm and beauty of the scene as variety enhances unity.

Why should we not look upon the human world with rose-colored vision?

--Abdu'l-Baha

... Consider the flowers of the rose garden ... this difference and this variation, like the difference and variation of the parts and members of the human body, are the cause of the appearance of beauty and perfection.



--Abdu'l-Baha

*Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it.
Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it.
Hatred darkens life; love illumines it*

--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

The diversity in the human family *should be the cause of love and harmony*, as it is in music where many different notes blend together in the making of a perfect chord.

If you meet those of a different race and colour from yourself, do not mistrust them and withdraw yourself into your shell of conventionality, *but rather be glad and show them kindness.*

--Abdu'l-Baha